



Kniseley

AF Research Lab gets new space chief

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KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. — Colonel Richard A. Kniseley recently assumed the leadership of Air Force Research Laboratory's Space Vehicles Directorate.

A graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, Kniseley entered the Air Force in 1975, and has since served in various space- and missile-related assignments.

He was deputy chief of the Air Force Space Command's space control mission team and he commanded the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron. Kniseley was also the command lead for the U.S. Space Command's staff, responsible for advocating U.S. Space Command's Integrated Priority List.

He was the deputy director of the Space

Vehicles Directorate from August 1999 until September 2000, when he assumed the role of acting director.

The 1000-person directorate focuses on leading-edge space concepts, technologies, and demonstrations supporting space-based surveillance and space capability protection. The directorate develops a wide range of technologies in the areas of space electronics, satellite autonomy, power, remote sensing, structures, structural controls, astrodynamics, and aerospace environmental physics.

Kniseley replaces Christine Anderson, who has been reassigned to oversee the MILSATCOM Joint Program Office, in Los Angeles, Calif. @